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PATENT APPLICATION

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For: HEAT-SENSITIVE RECORDING MATERIAL

RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

MAIL STOP AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated April 4, 2006, please consider the remarks as submitted herewith on the accompanying pages.

REMARKS

Claims 1-20 are all the claims pending in the application.

I. Response to Claim Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

Claims 1-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over either of the patents to Katsuya et al (JP 05-156421 or JP 2000-233574).

Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection and submit that the cited references, whether taken alone or in combination, do not teach or suggest the present invention.

Claim 1 of the present application recites a heat-sensitive recording material comprising a support having disposed thereon a heat-sensitive recording layer including microcapsules in